

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

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THE SPIRIT OF LOVE

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Love is the Spirit of God in man; that is the secret of its wonderful power over human life and human destiny. Being the emotion of immortal harmony in the heart, it lifts man to the sunlit heights of a blissful experience. The heaven within is a reality to him who loves.

Love was not generated by human experience. It did not come into being thru the struggle for appreciation or affection. It was born in man by the touch of God on his spirit, awakening in him that divine image after the likeness of which he was created. Since love is the essence of God, to love is to experience God. "Love is of God; and everyone that loveth is begotten of God, and knoweth God." We sometimes say that God is life, God is truth, God is power, and so He is, but there seems something lacking in these definitions. When we say "God is love," we lose the sense of incompleteness; we have a feeling of entire satisfaction; we know, too, that we can best understand God and have close fellowship and communion with Him by loving Him. It is quite probable that He can be really known in no other way. Intellectuality can point the way to God but love is the way.

We are commanded to love God, not that we may add anything to God or that we may bring Him to any greater satisfaction than He now enjoys, but that we may be able to appreciate Him more. Approaching the great Father of all is like following a stream to its source in a crystal spring where the pure water rushes forth to nourish the valley below. The closer we draw to God the purer and holier we are. When finally we drink deep of His Spirit and are lost in His love we are at home in heaven.

Love is a peculiar power. It attracts everything that is like itself but has no attraction for that which is unlike its own nature. If we love, we are loved. If we do not love, ill will is our portion. Hatred ceases only by love. This is the testimony, even the positive assurance of masters. To pour out love upon hatred is to consume it and at the same time to find the soul of him who hates and claims it for love. To love a brother who imagines that you are his enemy or that he is yours is the surest and most vital way to worship God and to follow Jesus Christ. "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; even as I have loved you." "If you love them that love you, what reward have ye? Do not even the publicans the same?" "Love your enemies, and pray for them that persecute you; that ye may be the sons of your Father who is in heaven." One soul won to loving by the impersonal love of another increases the kingdom of God in the earth, for His kingdom is the kingdom of love-filled souls. The statement of Jesus, "The kingdom of God is within you," is really understood when we substitute for the word "God" the word "love." When we love we experience the joys of the kingdom.

Love is also the healer of the mind and body. No erroneous condition can long withstand its fervent harmonizing power. Discord cannot exist in an orchestra when all the instruments are tuned alike and everybody performs according to the rules of the music; likewise when every faculty in us has been tuned to the divine accord and we live in that way, nothing but harmony can manifest itself in us. Love melts into itself all elements that would stand stark and discordant if love were not active. Mental jazz, the wrecker of mind and body, is displaced by constructive harmony when divine love rules in consciousness. Divine love softens hard mentality, humanizes stubborn will, and purifies the affections. It spiritualizes desire by lifting it above the sensual and by fixing it on the realities of the kingdom of God. Only those who love can hope to understand life or enter into it deeply.

It is a well known fact that love as it expresses in human experience is irresistible. It will have its own sweet way with men and women despite convictions and selfish considerations to the contrary. This is because it is an unconditional free spirit. Human beings are subject to conditions, but God in them is not. Love being God emotion in man, it partakes of the limitless and eternal and quite overtops the calculations of expediency and self-interest. Besides it gives man the truest and most compelling satisfaction that he knows, thus enlisting in its behalf both desire and will, making an unbreakable combination.

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Prospects Good For The Church of God

MIDDLESBORO, Ky.—Sister Mable Hatcher and the writer have just closed a revival at Fonde, Ky. with great success. The dear Lord surely did bless. The building would not accommodate the large crowds that gathered every night for about five weeks. Everybody in the two large mining camps seemed to be interested in the revival. Thirty-six were saved, sixteen sanctified, one received the Holy Ghost, fifteen united with the church, and the writer baptized thirteen in water. The revival spirit is still hold of the people there.

The district seems to be moving out for the Lord for which we surely praise the dear Lord. The church at Fonde, Ky. has almost doubled her membership since the last Assembly. The prospects look good here for the great Church of God. Come on, and let us work hard while the revival spirit is working.

I am now at Twila, Ky. helping Brother Enix in a revival. The Lord is blessing. All who read this please pray that we will have a wonderful revival here. The altar is full of hungry seekers every night and we are having large crowds. Souls are going thru to victory.

Anyone wanting my services in a revival in the state of Kentucky write me at Rt. 1, Box 88 B, Middlesboro, Ky. If you are not acquainted with me and want to know about me, you may write to the state overseer of Kentucky and he will tell you what ever you want to know about me. —Yours for lost souls, Howard D. Statum, district overseer.

We Are Anchored In Him

Truly we thank God for His goodness to us just now. As we look out on this world and see the great handwork of God it makes us rejoice to know that we have our hearts anchored in Him, the One who never has lost a battle. We came to this place some three months ago and found a union tabernacle. It was the only place for worship and there was sixty-three dollars due on it. By the help of the Lord and a good working boy we soon made this up, and almost enough to pay for the wall and a new stove. We began services on Sunday mornings and nights. After sometime we announced Wednesday and Saturday night services and had good crowds, for which we thank the Lord. Then we organized a Church of God Sunday School with forty-one members.

We are in a little revival here now and don't know just what it will bring as holiness is a new thing in this part, though conviction seems to settle down on the entire crowd during the altar call. We find that God said, He that cometh weeping sowing precious seed shall doubtless come again rejoicing. So as we have done some weeping here we are looking forward to a day of rejoicing as God blesses our feeble efforts. Oh how we desire to walk close to Him. We have a family of good folks living near the church. Every one of them can sing and play any kind of an instrument. We thank the Lord for them and the good service they render. We had three services and dinner on the ground Easter Sunday. Every one enjoyed themselves. We ask the entire Evangel family to pray for us that we will ever be ready to sacrifice for this good cause.—As ever, W. W. Smethers, Rt. 2, % I. V. Dean, Millsap, Tex.

His Love Is Sufficient

LINDEN, Fla.—I praise the Lord for saving my soul from sin, sanctifying me thru the blood of Jesus and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost and fire with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues according to Acts 2:4. I praise the Lord for the determination He gave me to press the battle thru. This way gets sweeter to my soul each day. I praise Him for the many blessings He has bestowed upon my soul and because I am drinking at the fountain that never runs dry. He helps us to walk in the light. He gives us power to overcome the devil though the temptations come thick and fast. His love is sufficient. I praise Him for His love and goodness to me.

I thank the Lord for the Y. P. E. It is growing every day. I am encouraged about it, thank God. Two were filled with the Holy Ghost and one sanctified last Friday night in our young people's meeting. I ask an interest in your prayers that we might let the Lord have His way.—Your brother in Christ, Frasier Rogers.

We Like These Good Conventions

The South Louisiana convention has come and gone but we feel that an influence was left that will linger with the people. Brother Latimer was with us and preached every night. His subject the first night was "Prayer" and I believe every one that prays felt a greater need of prayer and faith after his discourse. His message each night was enjoyed by all. We had Brother B. L. Hicks from Alabama with us, also Sister Heath and Brother McGee from Mississippi. Brother Hicks' subject Sunday morning was "The Need of the Hour." His Bible lesson was the final judgment. He brought out many things on this subject. Brother Wm. Auten made a talk on foreign missions Sunday afternoon, and Sister Heath made a talk on home missions. Each subject was enjoyed. We were glad to have the ministers from the other states with us but were sorry that we did not have any of the brethren from the north end of the state. I suppose hard times hindered.

We want to thank the people of Shepherds Fold church for their kindness and hospitality to visitors. If you want to be received with hospitality, come to the Shepherds Fold church. The last night of the convention Brother Lee Wales (father of Sisters Irene and Bessie Wales at Cleveland, Tenn.) received the Holy Ghost. We are pleased with the way the work is prospering in South Louisiana. I want to mention Brother W. H. Black's talk. His subject was "Church Government." We surely did enjoy it. Every one was made to feel the need of church government in a greater measure than before. We like these good conventions as we feel they encourage and build up the churches and put new zeal and courage in the ministers to press forward.—Mrs. E. E. Simmons.

Shouts of Praises Ascended

MARYVILLE, Tenn.—In spite of the gloomy weather and small attendance the home coming at Maryville Easter Sunday will not soon be forgotten. Our hearts were made to rejoice as we sang the good songs of Zion and listened to the burning testimonies of God's children. The power fell as Brother Walker, our pastor, gave the message of the risen Christ. Shouts of praise ascended up to the Giver of all blessings. The altar was filled with seekers in the afternoon and night services and some prayed thru to victory. We thank God for Brother and Sister Walker. We believe they are doing their best for the church at this place. The Word is being preached in its purity, false doctrines are rebuked and God is adding to the church. We are trying to raise funds for our church building and we are praying that God will put the burden of this work on some one's heart. We desire your prayers that God will bless and give victory over everything that tries to hinder.—Yours in Christ, Laura Presley.

Sixteen Saved

CELINA, Texas.—I praise the dear Lord for this opportunity I have of writing to the Evangel. I am really glad for salvation and what Jesus means to me.

Sister Mollie L. Wilson has been holding a four weeks' meeting here. Sixteen were saved and seven received the Holy Ghost. The people here are very much against this good old way. Please pray for this place that we may have a church to worship in. Pray for me that I may get a closer walk with God. I have a desire to be a soul winner for Jesus.—(Miss) Maude Davis.

35 Saved, 15 Added To Church

PRUDEN, Tenn.—I praise the Lord this evening because I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and a member of the Church of God. I have belonged to the Church of God for eleven years. I am truly thanking God for the little Church of God at Fonde to which I belong. I also thank the Lord for our district pastor, Brother H. D. Statum, and for our state overseer. We have just closed a revival. There were thirty-five saved, several sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Thirteen were baptized in water and fifteen added to the church.—H. J. Andrews, clerk.

Let Us Keep Our Eyes On God

AUSTINVILLE, Va. — I praise our dear Lord for the three week's meeting at Shorts Creek, Va. with Brother O. L. Williams in charge. He surely did preach the Bible and it was good to our souls. The meeting started March 7 and closed March 29. No one was saved but I know there were hungry hearts in the altar. The enemy worked hard during the meeting but while he is working there are a few of us working too. Thank the Lord! I really thank God for sending a man like Brother Williams here. He is one that will not compromise with the devil. I think there have been some good seed sown that will spring up later. I thank the dear Lord for victory in my soul this morning. Oh how glad I am to know we are serving a living God, one that can hear and answer prayers. He is all in all with me. I am more determined than ever to press the battle on. I want my everyday life to be my testimony. Oh how sad it is to see my own brothers and sisters going along without God in their lives. How they do need salvation. I thank the Lord for His great love He gave me for our dear lost souls and I do love the Church of God and her teachings. The Lord has promised never to leave or forsake us if we just put our trust in Him. Let us not let the enemy overcome us or get us discouraged. Let us keep our eyes on God and measure up in every way to the teachings of the Church so we will not be a stumbling block in any one's way. It means something to live a Christian life. I ask an interest in all God's children's prayers that my husband and I will live a life with which God will be pleased. May God bless every one who reads this. — Mrs. W. P. Grimes.

We Are Standing On His Promises

PORES KNOB, N. C. — I am glad this evening finds me still praising the Lord for the way He is blessing us up here in the mountains. I am glad I can report victory in my soul although the devil tries to defeat us. Praise the Lord, we are standing on His promises. We had the Lord's Supper and feet washing on March 8 at North Wilkesboro. The Lord surely did bless. Many people in Wilkesboro are looking toward the Church of God. On March 15 we had the Lord's Supper and feet washing at Moravian Falls and the Lord blessed us. He manifested His power in a wonderful way. The saints danced and talked in tongues. Some of the saints from Lenoir came over and took part with us. Brother W. J. Pritchard was with us and preached Saturday night. Brother T. C. Wiggins, our district overseer, brought forth the message Sunday afternoon.

We are expecting to start a revival at Pinola May 10. Pray that the Lord will bless. — Your sister in Christ, Mrs. T. C. Wiggins, Rt. 2.

Faith Means Something

SYLVESTER, Ga.—Dear saints of God everywhere, I am still saved, sanctified and the Holy Ghost abides. I praise the Lord for the blessing I have received this week. My right hand has been in a real bad shape. I could hardly wring out my dish cloth. I prayed and prayed. It would get better for awhile and then get worse. I wrote for prayer at the experiment station at Tifton where I moved from and thank God, it is most well. Saints, pray for me for I do not get to go to meeting. I am not close to a Church of God and sometimes I feel lost down here by myself with no one to pray with and cheer me. My dear husband believes in this way but he hasn't got the blessing. We have family prayer at night but he prays to himself. Help me pray for him to give up and obey God and get the blessing. Please pray that God will heal my body as I suffer with my stomach and nerves. I have had pellagra and in the spring I suffer terribly but I am so glad there is a God to trust and have faith in. I have not been in this way but a short while but I am delighted with the true love of Jesus. He is such a wonderful Savior. It makes me so happy to know there is a God to trust. One who is our Comforter. My request is for some of the saints who read this to write me; those who can, please come. Pray for my body to be healed.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Jim Sledge, Rt. 4.

Started With No Intention of Turning Back

LAWRENCEBURG, Tenn.—We're really praising God this evening for full and free salvation, something that will stand the trying hours of this world when Jesus comes. We are saved, sanctified, and have the baptism of the Holy Ghost. We are so glad we ever started this way with no thought of ever turning back. We have only been in the way a short time but it grows sweeter every day. We promised the Lord if it was His will to heal our baby of bronchial trouble we would tell the world about it. By the strength of the good Lord and the loving Physician she is well again.

We have a good Sunday School at this place and also prayer meetings. The folks at Wilburns Chapel are on fire for the Lord and His cause. Our district overseer, Brother T. A. Richard, came down and preached a few sermons for us. He surely did preach the Word with much love and power from on high. We are praying for God to send us the right man here to take charge of the work as Satan has tried so hard to hinder but by the help of the Lord we are pressing on to the mark of the high calling. There are souls here who are convicted of their sin but it is hard for them to give up. Everyone who reads this pray for them to overcome the enemy and shine out for Jesus. We desire the prayers of the saints everywhere that this place may rise and shine for God. —Your brother and sister in Christ, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Clark, Rt. 5.

I Know He Will Carry Us Thru

LACOCHEE, Fla.—I am thanking the Lord because I can report victory in my soul. I'm glad to say that our revival is going on here now. It began March 22. We haven't had any one to assist Brother Sanders until Sunday night past. Brother W. R. Haddock came in Sunday night and he is expecting his wife to help him as soon as she can turn loose as there is sickness in her family. Souls are getting under conviction and some are coming to the altar but we are having a battle with the devil. We want all of God's saints who read this to pray specially for our revival that souls will pray thru to victory. Pray for me that I will get a closer walk with Jesus.—Your sister in Christ, Nellie Rosier.

The Lord Heard And Answered Prayer

NICHOLLS, Ga. — We have just closed a revival at Moore's chapel with good success. God surely did bless in a wonderful way. Some remarked that the devil was in possession here and we could not have a meeting but the faithful few began to fast and pray. The Lord heard and answered prayer. From the first the power fell and put the devil on the run. He surely did get mad too. There is no place too hard for God. He is a present help in time of need. We surely needed a revival at this place.

The meeting began the third Sunday and ran thru the the fifth Sunday night. Our pastor, Brother Lawton Brantley and visiting brothers did the preaching. Part of the time we had Brother and Sister Weeks from Alma. They surely did declare the whole gospel too. The interest was good. We thank God for the visiting saints who helped and encouraged us so much. We had good singing and music by Brother and Sister Catow with violin and guitar. This proved a great blessing and was greatly appreciated by all.

This was the greatest revival ever held around here. The altar was full every service. Several were saved and sanctified, and four received the Holy Ghost and six came into the church. Many others are interested and looking to the Church of God. The healing services were wonderful. Some were healed. My baby was healed of a terrible head trouble that had bothered him for seven months. Oh how I do praise God for His wonderful healing power!

We believe our pastor is rendering his best service for us and God is blessing his efforts too. He is a great worker in the vineyard of the Lord and has the great burden of lost souls on his heart. The great King of glory sets His blessings and approval on his work. I beg all who read this to pray for this place to rise and shine for Jesus.—R. J. Moore, Rt. 1.

UNGODLY SPIRIT REBUKED

H. B. SIMMONS.

Ye Know Not What Manner Of Spirit Ye Are Of." Luke 9:55.

Our text presents us with a striking instance of the weakness and sinful infirmities of two of the eminent disciples of the Saviour. One of these was the beloved John who afterwards became so distinguished for meekness and love.

Between the Samaritans and the Jews the most deadly animosity prevailed. They even refused each other the common courtesies of life, hence the exclamation of the woman to Jesus, "How is it that thou being a Jew askest drink of me which am a woman of Samaria for the Jews have no dealing with the Samaritans?"

Now back to the text. Jesus had set His face to go up to Jerusalem and on His way had to go thru a Samaritan village and He sent messengers that they might prepare for Him. It is written that they would not receive Him because He was on His way to Jerusalem. They probably hoped that He would tarry and decide the long standing controversy as to the proper place to worship God in their favor. They refused to accept them because Jesus had His face set to go up to Jerusalem. When James and John saw this they indignantly exclaimed, "Wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did?" Their desire was that they be immediately consumed and they quoted scripture to support their request, but wisely they refer it to Christ. The only good thing about it was the interrogation in reference to it. Wilt thou? The answer of our Redeemer is the text of this occasion, "But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of." V. 56, "For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them." From this striking and instructive portion of the divine Word we notice that the professed disciples of Christ may be greatly influenced by a wrong spirit. Let us

1. NOTICE SOME INSTANCES WHEREIN THIS IS EXHIBITED

(1) In maintaining bitterness of mind to those who have different views of divine truth. How rare it is to see exhibited a spirit of affectionate candor with regard to other sects and parties. Our own opinions are the right ones, our interpretation of the scripture is absolutely correct, to differ from us is to go from the way of truth. A very small difference is sufficient to set them down as heretics and perhaps to unchristianize them altogether. If we are compelled to speak well of them it is in a cool tone or with several deductions that nullify all that has been said. This is some times in reference to doctrine or forms of worship, to ordinances, to discipline, etc. Thus the church treats dissenters and dissenters treat the church; Roman Catholics, Protestants and Protestants, Roman Catholics. Now if Christ were present, do you think He would mix up with all this confusion, malice, envy, and strife? No! He would say to each and the whole, "Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of."

(2) It is seen in carrying our dislike of men's sins into dislike of their persons. We are to hate all evil both in ourselves and in others. We cannot detest too much the uncleanness in those around us, but the indignation must not include the person. I must hate all the works of the flesh but not the person that is guilty of them. I can't afford to hate liars, thieves, murderers, robbers, but must do all I can to get them redeemed from that fallen state. If we allow ourselves to hate the person of men, we tread unhallowed ground; we become aggressors and Christ says to us, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.

(3) It is seen in cherishing an unmerciful and unforgiving spirit towards our enemies. Nothing is more strongly exhibited in the Word of God than our duty of love to our enemies. We are commanded to put away all malice, anger, and wrath. Our own forgiveness is even suspended on that of forgiving others, yet how Christians err in this! How often they are implacable, how often they feel and speak evil of their supposed enemies! Sometimes this is done on the most trivial grounds, often arising from mere jealousy and envy. I ask, Is it so with you? Do you know of any one towards whom you thus feel? If so, the rebuke of Christ is addressed to you. (Please Look On Page Three)

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EDITORIALS

At the colored convention, which
convened at Jacksonville, Fla., a few
weeks ago, an offering of \$25.00 was
taken for missions. This nice amount
is very much appreciated by Head-
quarters and also the Mission Board.

The church at Princeton, W. Va.
sent in \$15.40 for missions in the
month of March. They are taking
the lead this month in mission offerings.

At this writing the General Over-
seer is in the state of Maryland in
convention work. From there he will
go to the state convention of N. Caro-
lina, which convenes at Kannapolis,
beginning the 30th and ending the 3rd
of May. They are expecting a great
time in the Lord.

The revival work is opening now
and Headquarters would appreciate
having the job work of printing post-
ers for conventions and revivals. In
this way you will help the Church in
general.

Please notice the date of expiration
of your Evangel as it will soon be
time to drop those who have not re-
newed.

We want to call your attention to
the fact that there are only thirty
days' grace shown those who carry
minister's protection with us. Always
send in your premiums with your
minister's report. This is important,
please do not forget it.

Our Sunday School tithe fund is
running low again, and we would ap-
preciate it if all the Sunday School
superintendents would instruct the
Sunday Schools to tithe the collections
taken in Sunday School. This money
is used to furnish literature to the
new Sunday Schools for the first quar-
ter.

It is now time to send statements
out again. Those owing us will please
notice that your statement only in-
cludes payments and charges received
up to and ending April 28. Payment
and charges received after that date
will appear on our next statement.

Since last issue of the Evangel we
have received subscriptions and re-
newals in the amount of \$70.62. Earl
Paulk sent in five; C. A. Ford, five;
A. L. Burroughs, five; Mrs. B. A.
Wheeler, four; Carl R. Cook, four;
Mrs. W. M. Flanery, four; Daulton
Short, four.

He Is So Much To Me

ELDORADO, Ill.—Dear saints every-
where, greetings in Jesus' name. I
feel like I would like to sound a few
words of praise to Jesus thru the pa-
per. He is so much to me. Oh how I
love Him just now. I was saved, sanc-
tified and filled with the Holy Ghost
away back in the mountains of Ten-
nessee and was one of the first to
come into the church at Whitwell,
when it was set in order there. How
my mind runs back to those days
when just a few sisters would meet.
Everyone of their faces is a memory
to me this morning. How I would
like to be in one more meeting with
them and hear them tell of their ex-
perience now. I would also like to be
in another meeting at Pittsburg, Ga.
and Pratt City, Ala. but I don't sup-
pose we will get together again until
we get to our eternal home.

I have been in Illinois for more
than ten years and have lots of good
brothers and sisters here. The church
is moving on at a wonderful speed.
Brother Hughes can't be beat. I have
been in charge of the work at Carmi
most of last year and all of this. We
have a good church there. Some of the

Notices & Specials

If there are any Church of God peo-
ple living in or near Kosciusko, Miss.
please write Brother F. J. Rudesill
and wife, Kosciusko, Miss., Gen. Del.

The Church of God at Waycross, Ga.
would like to know the whereabouts
and spiritual condition of Jim Lee
and Mattie Lee by our next quarterly
conference.—R. B. Herrin, clerk, 1608
Prescott St., Waycross, Ga.

This is to notify the Church of God
at Big Spring, Texas that Brother
Howard P. Williams is clerk and
treasurer of the Big Spring Church of
God. The church would also like to
have a letter from the following mem-
bers; Brother and Sister A. G. Thomas
who came into the church at Big
Spring, Texas in the summer of 1929;
and Harold Wims whose membership
has been transferred to Big Spring
church from the Colorado church.
Either be present or notify Brother
H. P. Williams of your spiritual con-
dition by next conference. His address
is 506 E. 4th St., Big Spring, Texas.
—J. T. Campbell, district pastor.

There will be home coming day the
second Sunday in May, May 10. There
will be all day service with dinner on
the ground. Several good preachers
will be there to preach. Everybody
come and bring well filled baskets.
—C. E. McAbee, pastor of Walhalla No.
2, 3 Ballanger St., Walhalla, S. C.

I have a brother I haven't heard
from in eight years. I don't know
whether he is living or dead. Anyone
who reads this and knows anybody by
the name of Nick Washton, Nichols,
or N. W. Cantrell, write me. Pray for
me and that God will save my brother
and pray for the church at Anderson,
S. C.—Your brother in Christ, L. F.
Cantrell, clerk, 410 Hudgus St., Ander-
son, S. C.

The Rocky Mount District meeting
will convene May 9, 10. We will ex-
pect all the churches in the district
to be represented especially Sunday
morning at 9:30. It will be at the
Middlesex church four miles north of
Middlesex, N. C.—C. H. Deans, dis-
trict pastor, Middlesex, N. C.

There will be home coming at Crane
Eater, Ga. the second Sunday in June.
We are expecting the orphans from
Cleveland to have a program. There
will be services morning and after-
noon and lunch at church as usual.
Everyone is invited to attend.—Mrs.
J. L. B. Poarch, Rt. 2, Calhoun, Ga.

This is to notify the public that I
was delayed in coming to Lynchburg,
Va. for the revival that was to begin
April 11. The delay was on account
of sickness but thank God I am here
and the revival began the 22nd. Be-
fore the choir began to sing one young
man and one lady were in the altar
praying. The revival spirit is now on.
Everybody pray, especially Headquarters
pray, that God will set His ap-
proval on this meeting.—As ever, J.
H. Daniels, pastor of the Church of
God at Lando, S. C.

NOTICE

We began a tent meeting Wednes-
day night, April 29th, on Central Ave.,
Chattanooga, Tenn. Everybody invited.
If you can't come, please pray for
this meeting.—Frank Swaggerty.

SCRIPTURAL WEDDING CAKE

Sent in by Frank Swaggerty, 1310
E. 18th St., Chattanooga, Tenn.
4½ cups 1 Kings 4:22 (flour)
1½ cups Judges 5:25 (butter)
2 cups Jer. 6:20 (sugar)
2 cups 1 Sam. 30:12 (raisins)
2 cups Nahum 3:12 (figs)
1 cup Num. 17:8 (almonds)
2 tablespoons 1 Sam. 14:25 (honey)
2 Jer. 17:11 (eggs)
½ cup Judges 4:19 (milk)
1 pinch Lev. 2:13 (salt)
Season to taste of 2 Chr. 9:9 (spices)
2 tablespoons Amos 4:5 (baking
powder)
Take Solomon's prescription for
making a good boy (Prov. 23:14).
Put into the second clause of Hosea
7:4 and you will have a good cake.

I am asking a special prayer in be-
half of Hot Springs, N. Mex. I came
here Oct. 26, 1930 and I have been
earnestly praying for God to send
some real servants of God here to con-
duct a revival. I am wondering if God
hasn't got some Church of God preach-
ers somewhere that He would send
here to tell these dear people about
what God has in store for them. There
are a number of hungry hearts in Hot
Springs, a few holiness people but no
holiness church at all. I have thought
of asking the State Overseer from
Carlsbad to come over and hold a

best folks I ever saw are there. They
surely have stood by me. We have a
revival on now. Brother Tony Ford
and D. M. Short are in charge. We
have large crowds but we feel like we
need you saints to pray that God will
work in some way that sinners may
see the hand of God and humble them-
selves. The meeting hasn't broken out
like we feel it should but God is there.
Pray for me, that my life will shine
out as the noonday sun. This world
has no charm for me. My prayer is
for more of God. Don't forget to pray
for the church at Carmi, Ill.—Mrs.
Ida Snyder Price.

meeting. Please pray for my husband.
He is a backslider and in very bad
health. If God calls you to this place,
please obey as this is a needy field
and many sick people here. I am a
member of the Church of God in Cleve-
land, Tenn. and have the baptism with
the Bible evidence.—Mrs. Florence
gan, Hot Springs, N. Mex.

The district convention for Marked
Tree District will convene at Marked
Tree, Ark., May 15, 16, and 17, 1931.
All ministers in the district are re-
quested to be present, also all applic-
ants for the ministry be there to meet
the state board, and all those to be
ordained.—J. A. McCullar, Overseer of
state in charge.

The Church of God will begin a re-
vival at the church, 10th and Mo.,
Sunday night, May 10-24. Oscar Davis
and wife of Mobette will be in charge.
There will be good music and singing,
also timely themes. The public is in-
vited. Service each night at eight
o'clock.—D. O. Bland, pastor, Sham-
rock, Texas.

May 10 will be home coming day at
the Church of God, corner of Tenth St.
and Florida Ave., Jacksonville, Fla.
This local church will also celebrate
its tenth anniversary. We hope to
have with us some of the former pas-
tors and also the State Overseer, R. P.
Johnson. There will be three services
and dinner on the ground.

We want to insist that each mem-
ber of the church here, both in and
out of town, be with us on this day.
You will be expected to come and
bring a liberal offering to help settle
all back debts on the church and
should we raise over the amount the
balance will go into the building fund
as we expect soon to enlarge the
building. If you cannot possibly come,
write a letter to be read on this date
and send your offering. Please do not
disappoint us.

If you are not a member, you are
welcome. Everybody is cordially in-
vited. We are expecting a visitation
of the presence and power of the Lord.
Come and I am sure you will enjoy
this annual feast. Pray with us that
God will bless and make it a day long
to be remembered.—E. W. Williams,
pastor, 1016 E. 10th St., Jacksonville,
Fla.

CORRECTION

Thru a mistake the amount of \$7.12
(orphanage offering from the Sunday
School, Columbia, S. C.) was left out
of the orphanage report. We thank the
Sunday School for this amount which
appears on our books but was unin-
tentionally left out of the last report
which appeared in the paper.

We will have Mother's Day May 10,
1931. Service will begin at ten o'clock
Sunday morning and we will have all
day service and dinner on the ground.
We will have a talk made on "Mother"
at eleven o'clock. In the afternoon we
will have the "Seven Wonders." The
C. of G. Y. P. E. will put on a pro-
gram Sunday night. We invite all the
churches that will to come and be
with us. We are expecting all the
churches in the Columbia District to
be present. We are expecting to have
the string band from Camden, S. C.
with us and also our State Overseer
with us.—Your brother in Christ, J. C.
Brooks, Columbia, S. C.

REQUESTS

The doctors tell me I have a tumor
and nothing will do me any good un-
til I go to the hospital and be oper-
ated on. I believe the Lord can heal.
Please pray for me that the Lord will
heal me.—Sister Helen West, Coal-
mont, Ind.

I want all who read this to pray for
the healing of my body and soul. I
am a sinner. I believe in the Lord
healing. Pray for daddy and me.—
Modest Dowdy.

I haven't been in a Church of God
meeting since Christmas. We have no
way of going and live seven miles
from a church, a little too far to walk.
I have been in bad health for three
months. Please pray for the Lord to
heal my body. Husband and I have a
hard time living for the Lord. There
are no Church of God people close to
us. We need your prayers to help
fight the enemy. Pray for the Lord to
heal me and give me more faith to
trust Him, also pray for my two chil-
dren and for a way to be made for us
to be in service again and for the Lord
to keep us on victory side. Pray for
husband to get work to do to supply
our needs. Fast and pray for the heal-
ing of my body if it is the Lord's will.
His will be done.—Your unworthy
sister, Mrs. Margie Finley, Cleveland,
Miss.

I have a hurting in my left side. I
want all the saints of God to pray for
me that the Lord will heal my body
if it is His will. Also pray for my hus-
band. He is not feeling well. We want
to trust the Lord until He comes or
calls. Pray for us to be ready at any
time.—A sister who loves Jesus, Josie
Lockey, Rt. 1, Luxomni, Ga.

Pray for my wife to get healed.
Your brother in Christ, W. A. Ryals.

Rano Sta., Gastonia, N. C.

I praise the Lord for all He has
done for me. Please pray for the heal-
ing of my body. I have a rash of some
kind broken out on my forehead. It
itches and burns so that it woke me up
the other night and I couldn't go back
to sleep until I had placed the Evan-
gel on my head and prayed for half
an hour. It did not bother me any
more until after breakfast. Now it
bothers me more or less all the time.
The Lord has healed me many times
in the past twenty years. Since I have
been away from the church people I
have grown cold and used medicine
and remedies. I have promised God to
take Him for my healing. I want to be
ready to meet Him some sweet day.
Please pray for my son and his wife
to feel their need of God and get sal-
vation before it is too late and that
they might bring up their children in
the way they should go. If there are
any Church of God members here in
Franklin, I would be glad to know.
I love the church and all of its teach-
ings and want to live true to them all.
—Eunice E. Dye, 508 Anderson St.,
Franklin, Ohio.

Pray for my child. She is sick with
a cold and fever.—Your sister in
Christ, Mrs. L. S. Williams, Homer-
ville, Ga.

Everyone who reads this please
pray for the Lord to free me from all
condemnation and refill me with the
Holy Ghost and heal me of nervous
and mental trouble. This is an ex-
tremely severe affliction.—Your brother,
J. O. Jeffords, Waresboro, Ga.

Everyone who reads this please pray
for the healing of my lungs. I cough
like anyone with T.B. I know God is
able to heal that too. He has healed
me of the flu and restored my hearing.
I was almost deaf in my left ear.
Please pray much for me and my chil-
dren. Pray that I will stay humble at
the foot of the cross. A sister under
the blood, Mrs. Myrtle Bruff, Box 18a,
Rt. 2, Truman, Ark.

I am sick in my body. I suffer with
my kidneys. At times I can hardly
walk I get so weak. I suffer all over
my body. Pray for my complete heal-
ing and that I will stay humble at the
feet of Jesus.—A sister in Jesus, Mrs.
Johnnie Garrett, Truman, Ark.

I have been trusting God for ten
years with the healing of my body.
All please pray an earnest prayer for
God to heal my body. I thank God for
His healing power and for the many
times He has healed me.—C. W. Cros-
no, Camden, Tenn.

I ask the saints of God everywhere
to pray a special prayer for the heal-
ing of my body. I am in a very seri-
ous condition. I am not a Church of
God member but I believe in divine
healing. Please pray for me.—Mrs. Ola
Robinson, Alabama.

I want everyone to pray for the
healing of my body. I have a serious
bladder trouble.—A. S. Funk, Monroe,
Va.

I have stomach and heart trouble.
Please pray for me as I am trusting
the Lord for my body to be healed.
—A sister trusting the Lord, Mrs. E.
D. Hambrick, Reamlap, Ala., Rt. 1.

We are still getting requests for un-
saved loved ones and those in trou-
ble. Everyone remember the request
for the lost and troubled and take
them to the Lord in earnest prayers.

I would be very glad to have the
Church of God people to pray for my
little girl who can't talk. She is so
pitiful. Please pray for her.—Trusting
to hear from some of the Evangel
readers at once, I am, Mrs. Lottie Mar-
low, Rt. 3, Box 18, Decherd, Tenn.

Do Not Be Slothful

MAGEE, Miss.—I really thank and
praise God this morning for the real
love of God I feel bubbling up deep
down in my soul and for the precious
gift of the Holy Ghost that guides and
leads in to all truth and keeps me each
day under His love and tender care.
This morning I have a greater zeal to
do more for the Lord than ever before
because I believe the soon coming of
the Lord must be near. I say to all
the Church of God, Do not be slothful
servants but be up and about our Fa-
ther's business, pay your offerings,
give to the orphans and missions, and
pay your tithes and trust God for the
healing of your bodies. Let's be Church
of God.

We are having wonderful prayer
meetings here at Shady Grove and
folks are receiving the Holy Ghost.
We have just returned from Indiana,
Miss. where we held a two weeks'
meeting. The Lord was there to bless
in every service. Conviction seized on
people until they just broke down and
cried and several wept their way thru
to Calvary. Three were saved, two
sanctified, and many more are looking
this way. Pray for us that we might
ever be able to preach the Word in its
fullness to the lost.

We are going to organize a C. of G.
Y. P. E. here at Shady Grove in a few
days. Pray much for us and all who
read this pray a special prayer for the
healing of my body as I am not
well in body. The saints of God, whom
I have met, know I am fully trusting
God for the healing of my body. I have
one baby whom Jesus called to be with
Him almost two years ago. I intend
to trust God unto the end of the way.
Please pray that God will strengthen

The Lord's Prayer In Verse

Safe into thine all-embracing arms do
we, thy children, gather
With songs and praise and endless
love to thee, our refuge and
"OUR FATHER,"

From whom every good and perfect
gift to us is given,
Thou most holy, true and Mighty one
"WHO ART IN HEAVEN,"

From everlasting to everlasting, etern-
ally the same,
And changeless is thy truth and love
"HALLOWED BE THY NAME,"

Nevermore shall doubts and unbeliefs
thy presence hide us from,
But with triumphant faith and joy we
proclaim,
"THY KINGDOM COME."

In peace let all nations be moulded
into one,
Whose united prayer shall forever be
thy pleasure and
"THY WILL BE DONE."

And let every heart into thine, be so
interwoven
That righteousness and truth will pre-
vail
"ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN."

This in faith and confidence we pray
Knowing that from thou bountiful
hand thou dost
"GIVE US THIS DAY"

The living words of truth wherein thou
hast said
All our needs shall be supplied even
to
"OUR DAILY BREAD,"

With substance abundant thou dost
provide the faithful witness,
While in love and mercy thou dost par-
don
"AND FORGIVE US"

All our mistakes, shortcomings, and
misuses
Of thy goodness wherein lieth
"OUR TRESPASSES,"

And since thou art just and 'tis by thee
we live,
Thy just and righteous law doth re-
lieve us only
"AS WE FORGIVE"

In thought and act and earnestness
Shown forth in living deeds
"THOSE WHO TRESPASS
AGAINST US,"

But let the gentle Spirit of Christ
prompt our every thought,
And with thine unerring hand guide,
my body so we can do more for God,
the Church, and His cause.—Your
humble sister in the Church of God,
Mrs. Wilson Sharp.

Waves of Glory Swept Over Us

URBANA, Ill.—We have just closed
a revival at Urbana, Ill. which surely
was a success. On Mar. 4 Brother C.
W. Florence and party joined us in a
campaign. The Lord began working
and the devil did too. At the end of
the second week Brother Florence had
to leave. The writer continued the
meeting two weeks. To say the Lord
was with us is not enough. Many times
waves of glory swept over the people
until it seemed that heaven was down
upon us. Quite a number were saved
and sanctified and seven received the
Holy Ghost. Six came into the church
with others, who were hindered by
sickness, to come in soon. One of the
number to come in was a preacher
from the Foursquare church. We are
expecting great things from the Lord
upon this place.—Stanley Joplin, pas-
tor.

protect
"AND LEAD US NOT"

Through the thorny paths, bodily
needs, or soul tribulation,
To places or conditions where we
might fall
"INTO TEMPTATION."

Though turbulent at times may appear
life's river,
Thou wilt not leave us to struggle
with the current,
"BUT DELIVER US"

And redeem us from unrighteous rab-
bles;
Crown us with thy victory and keep us
"FROM EVIL."

With grateful hearts and obedient
lives
We honor thee by whom all rule and
authority shall be put down
"FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM"

Eternal, outshining, overhauling all
things transitory;
To the Victor and Master be
"THE POWER AND THE GLORY."

With cords of love that none can sever
We are united with thee and your
church forever and
"FOREVER"

Harbored where no storm can hurt no
more again;
To the grandeur of thine eternal
dominion be. Hallelujah;
"A M E N."

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The End Seems Near Sometimes

LINDALE, Ga. — I have just read Sister Ball's testimony and had to stop and cry. I am saved, sanctified, and have the sweet Holy Ghost. I belong to the Church of God and have been trusting the Lord for both soul and body for over four years. The Lord has kept me by His mighty power up to this time. I intend to stand true to the end and it seems near sometimes.

I have T. B. in a low stage. I am in bed most of the time and cough so much until I can hardly sleep at night. My stomach is so weak I can hardly eat but I know the Lord is able to heal all manner of diseases. My case is in His hands.

I had a sister last year who had hemorrhages until she could hardly raise herself in bed to talk. Brother Roberts and wife and Sister Buckalew Rich and husband were running a tent meeting in Rome at that time. They and the saints came and prayed and the Lord healed her and saved her. She got out of the bed and went to the tent that night. She is still healed and able to work. Pray for her that she might get the Holy Ghost and live for God.

I want all the saints who read this who believe in prayer and divine healing to lay aside the Evangel for a few minutes and pray for me until you hear from heaven. I want the Lord's will to be done and I know it is His will to heal if we come believing and hold on to the Lord. — Your humble sister under the blood, Amarentha Quarles, 104 Ave. A.

UNGODLY SPIRIT REBUKED

(Continued from page one)
you, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.

II. LET US ACCOUNT FOR THE EXISTENCE OF THIS SPIRIT.
We marvel not at this in unconverted persons who are strangers to the love of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, but we expect the image and Spirit of Jesus in the regenerated, converted followers of Christ.

(1) It arises from an unsanctified state of the heart. The original corruption remaining within, much spiritual territory to be possessed, attainments of grace to the soul frigid and sterile.

(2) It arises from the influence of unhallowed prejudices in the mind. In some cases imperfect education or ministerial instruction trained in an atmosphere of bigotry and strife indoctrinated into sectarian principles instead of the principles of the gospel. Hence some ministers and churches are celebrated for bitterness of spirit, exclusiveness of feeling and party and animosity. Often our reading has much to do with it, the Word of God a very secondary book, only read authors of our party and creed; from self-ignorance and self-deception. Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. Know our name and creed and our peculiarities but not our spirit. Know the spirit of others and condemn it, yet know it not in ourselves. Live without self-examination with little self-communion with God, thus err and deceive our own souls.

III. THE DIVINE REMEDY FOR THE WRONG SPIRIT

(1) The cultivation of an humble and lowly spirit. To see and feel our own unworthiness, our defects and failings. A sense of this will abase, occupy our reflections, confessions, etc. We will neither have time nor disposition to unchristianize or excommunicate others.

(2) A careful study of the divine Word. Here are admonitions, exhortations, counsels, etc. Here are beacons as in the text, here are models. Deeply imbued with the Spirit of the Word will greatly preserve you.

(3) A careful imitation of the example of Christ and His Spirit. His nature, His mission, His life, etc. all breathe pure infinite love. How did He feel and act and speak? What the design of His mission? What the influence of His love?

APPLICATION

(1) Attention to our spirit is of the utmost importance.
(2) Our own happiness and improvement identified with it.
(3) A right spirit only will recommend religion.

Victory In Miami, Fla.

I would like to say thru the Evangel. We are on victory side. God has wonderfully met with us at the Miami Church of God. Brother E. P. Paulk has just closed a very interesting revival of three weeks duration. God's power was manifested from the beginning. Brother Paulk surely preaches the Gospel straight from the shoulder with power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost without fear or favor. The flu hindered much the last two weeks and too the county fair was held three blocks from the church the first week. In spite of all the drawbacks some were saved, some sanctified, eight received the Holy Ghost, five were baptized in water, six added to the church. The meeting closed with victory. T. M. McClendon, pastor, Miami church.

THE SPIRIT OF LOVE

(Continued from page one)

If we regard love as the emotion of the Spirit within us, we shall have a clear idea of its true nature. It is not individual and personal like thought, but universal in its power and appeal. It is heaven in every heart that gives it room. The effect of loving is so spiritual that under its power self is forgotten and one's world enlarged to include at least one more person. Love expands the consciousness by turning the soul to universal harmony. When people feel alike they act together for the good of all. Self-advantage is not thought of when love awakens man to a consciousness of divinity within himself. Denial of self, we are told by the spiritual seers, is the way to Christ attainment. One's spiritual progress is very slow while he is bent on getting something for self, but as soon as his attitude changes the free flowing life of God freshens his mind and his body, making him more fully receptive to truth and quickening every faculty to renewed and continued spiritual effort. The selfless urge of love is the greatest incentive to righteousness that man can ever know. The holiest moment anyone ever experienced was that in which he did something for another in utter forgetfulness of himself. To be entirely free from self-consciousness and with full concentration on the task in hand—lost, as it were, in an impersonal service—is to have a taste of heaven.

Love, being the movement of the All thru all, has no opposition. It is the only power that is a law to itself. People sometimes try to be a law to themselves but they invariably fail. It is not possible for anyone to do as he pleases, but is possible for love to do as it pleases; that is, love, true to the law of its nature, moves on to the accomplishment of its purpose irrespective of all conditions. It has no opposition because it is all attraction. There is no repulsion in love. All mental forces have repulsion as well as attraction, but love is not of the mind or personality of man. Love is of the Spirit, and therefore is not to be governed by mental limitations.

In its free universal action, love is like the rhythmic beat of wild waves on wild shores. The waves lap the rocks and fall back in white spray, but again and again they come; they express constant activity, eternal restlessness, as it were, seeking, trying, accomplishing, until even the rocks are worn away. Such is the spirit of love in human hearts. Its waves of rhythmic joy will beat unceasingly against the intellect and the will of man until all mortal hardness is dissolved. Always reaching for its own, never at rest, identified with man's most terrifying experiences as well as with his calmer, holier moments, love swings on, always working God's will in the heart, always purifying, redeeming, illuminating, and inspiring.

There is something of the wildness of primeval nature in the love-spirit in man. The lover is a mystic seeking union with love in everybody and in everything. Mother nature takes him to her heart with mild and fine caresses. The flowers smell sweeter, the air is softer, the earth more alive to him who loves even in the human way. Blind to faults, awake to fundamental realities, love finds the straight and narrow way from self to God.

Love is the Spirit of God in the world reconciling people to each other and to Him. It would be difficult to put into words a more accurate designation of love considered from the standpoint of action. Let us think of love in that way. Let us know that when we love one another we are expressing thru us "For we are a temple of the living God; even as God said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." God loves us with an everlasting love, which is our guarantee of immortality. Eternity is tolerable only when we think of it in terms of love. To contemplate living forever in the narrow, cold prison house to self chills the soul with horror. Only when we view our continuous on-going in the light of affection, loving and being loved, do we care even to attempt the bold adventure. Without the saving purifying, redeeming power of love the light of God would die out of the soul and man would be submerged into materiality, in hopeless ruin. The silver cord of love may break, but the golden cord of love twined about the heart delivers man even from the grave.

It is only when we consider love as it appeared in Jesus Christ that we find it in its most exalted form. How unconventional, primitive, and universal was the love of the Master! He was love itself in personal form, stepping down beside the lowest of the low, eating with those whom the Pharisees passed by, regarding not the commandments of men, living the free life of spirit, yet the fineness of the scope of his love included all morality. He disregarded man-made rules solely because he lived by the higher law and did not need the restraint of the lower vision. He went on his appointed way unmindful alike of censure and of approbation. He touched the lepers and healed them. He blessed the scarlet woman, and under the inspiration of His love she went forth to a new life free from sin. In his splendid fearless life there were no repulsions. Even those who crucified him were drawn close to His warm heart of love. "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do," was love healing the hurts of the

Mission Department

Material for this department should be mailed to Zeno C. Tharp.
Mission Secretary, 203 Parris Ave., Greenville, S. C.

We want to print a list of all the churches that have raised their mission quota for the first half of this assembly year, closing April 30th. Therefore, we ask all the churches who have raised for missions as much as five per cent of the total amount of tithes paid in by the local church to drop me a card giving the name of the church. The Assembly recommends that for every one hundred dollars tithes each local church raises that they raise at least five dollars for missions. If you have done this for the first six months since the Assembly, please comply with the above request. You will always find my address under the head of mission department.

Below is a piece taken from the April issue of the Lighted Pathway.
By Philip E. Howard

We could not at first understand the noise in the eaves pipe. There was a persistent rattling close to the lowest joint where the pipe entered the drain near the ground, and there was no rain to account for it.

At last one of the children suggested that a bird might have fallen into the pipe and could not make his way back again to the entrance at the eaves. If that were true, there was a column of darkness about thirty feet long above the little fellow, and almost no chance to get out below.

Accordingly we pried the pipe apart at the joints and lifted the lower end of it so that, if a bird were there, he could escape to the outer air. Suddenly, with a wild twitter of delight, a little bird flashed out of the darkness of that pipe, flew across the lawn with a staggering flight, and then swung up into a tree not far away. There had been no hope for him until we had opened the way. He was a prisoner, and there was only one end to that imprisonment. Now he was free!

How many there are in foreign lands who like the little bird are in prison and have tried to find their way out. In vain they have beat their wings, but without help they will never get out.

A LETTER MAY HELP

A few letters ago I noticed that one of our young people said, in the mission department, that one way to help the missionaries was to write to them. I did not know there was so much value in a letter until a few weeks ago. Several months ago I visited the County Home near Greenville, S. C. There was a man there who was a member of the Church of God and he wanted the Evangel, so I sent him the paper and he finally gave his testimony through it. Some one seeing his testimony wrote him a very encouraging letter. The very next time I saw him he told me about it and it seemed to thrill his whole being. At times he would weep and then again he would almost shout. He has mentioned it several times since. Just to think that some one thought of him and was interested enough in him to write, although it was some one whom he had never seen, filled his very soul. I do not know the one who wrote the letter but they will never know the good they did in this world. We may never know the good a few words really

crucifixion, and preparing the crucified one to rise again. Only love can die for others and bless them in dying. He who is consumed by divine love shall rise in the resurrection of the just, a new creature, made perfect in the image of the Almighty.

The spirit of love in Jesus caused him to exalt a little child above the wise ones of his day. What but love would do that? Does an intellectualist ever set a child above a philosopher? Does the personal egotist permit one to feel that he is like a child? Only the love of Christ can create the humility that is one of the most striking qualities of true greatness. The deep understanding of Jesus not only intensified His love but it also lifted Him so far above common humanity that we can with extreme difficulty associate Him with ourselves. Were it not for His own solemn assertion that all who are born of the Spirit are sons of God and, when they are perfected, are to do the works that He did, we should hesitate even to try to follow Him in the regeneration.

Trusting in His Word, we can "launch out into the deep," certain that we shall find the home port of full realization.

There is a deep appeal also in the love abandon of Jesus Christ. "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head." That was His answer to certain ones who in the heat of their enthusiasm came to pledge themselves to His cause. "You do not know what you are facing," He might have said, "I am here as the voice of God in the world calling it to repentance and salvation. I am not bound by man, or to man, or by conditions, but I assume man's limitations to help him to rise above them. If you wish to follow me, you must be willing to forsake father, mother, wife, sister, brother, home, and all else for the sake of my kingdom of love." It is not strange that it was to them a hard saying and that many turned back long before Calvary loomed large before the Master, but

do.

TO THE SAINTS IN THE BAHAMA ISLANDS

When the chairman of the Mission Board called us to prayer for the work in Bahamas the last day of the Assembly I felt the burden of the work and God gave me a spirit of prayer and weeping inasmuch that I became willing to offer to go. I spoke to the chairman but according to a specified request from the island could not qualify. I have felt the need of help the brethren have over there and so would like to encourage them to press on to victory. Look to God for His will concerning every need. Don't wait till some one comes along to pray and have a rally day but let every day be such to a great extent. I can't express just what I would like to, but look up, thank God, take courage. If you do not get the help you need, or would like to have, begin to look around to see if you can't help some one else and as the spirit of helpfulness comes upon you to help others, surely you will be helped. Be loyal to the Church of God, looking to the God of the church, and be not shaken with any wind of false doctrine nor persuaded by any who seek you and yours for personal and selfish purposes. Remember Daniel stood alone for his God. Notice the result, not only deliverance from the lions and his enemies fed to them instead, but the king's decree (Dan. 6:26) was for men everywhere to fear the God of Daniel. Could Daniel have expected the decree to pass and men to recognize it if he had been disloyal? Have we resisted unto blood, that is, given our lives, striving against sin? God help us to be loyal to Him and His cause. I wish to encourage every one as saints in the Lord.

In Jan. 1919 I felt specially burdened for a church but did not get to go. A year later it was my lot to go, and I found that the pastor in 1929 became a traitor to the cause. I felt that if I could have been there a year sooner what little good I was able to do would have gone further as it would not have been to build up waste places, so to speak, but make an advance. Since I have been where I am now one brother said (not to pin flowers on me) he felt that if I had been here a year ago the work would have been straight. As to whether it would or not it seems that I am a year behind. I wish this to be an encouragement to prevent any decay so if I should go to the islands later the short stay can be devoted to building and not taking up wreckage, or if some one else goes, let the good be accomplished thru the Lord for His glory, and let's remember that without Him we can do nothing and that He who is disloyal can not have God's smiles upon him. To be loyal in the divine sense means the whole race. Sympathy is not to compromise; love is not to pet, that is, if we love our neighbor, we will speak the truth if it hurts them, and when it hurts we will not be offended. See Ps. 119:165. —(Name furnished on request).

as Jesus Himself proved, when we have forsaken all for the kingdom of God, we have but repossessed all in a higher and finer form. However we must give up everything as if we lost everything in the giving up. This is implied in the nature of love, which always gives without thought of return. To qualify allegiance in its spiritual undertaking is to fail.

Lastly, to those of the mystic spirit, there is a heart-searching loneliness in the love of Jesus Christ. Hated by His enemies and misunderstood by His friends, He stood alone with God, calmly trusting the Holy Spirit of Truth to make clear to the world the meaning of His life and message. The future was to him like the past, in that its chief value lay in the light thrown on the present. Once He stood on Olivet overlooking Jerusalem. The city of mystic memories and heart-breaking associations lay below Him shrouded in the subtle mist of human mortality. As He gazed upon it and thought of its unbelief, the specter of retribution arose before Him. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, that killeth the prophets, and stoneth them that are sent unto her! how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold your house is left unto you desolate." Love suffered, but loved on to the end of suffering, saving by sacrifice those who would not respond to the kindly act and the spoken word of wisdom.

And when He was hanging on the cross, the world dark about Him, the very earth reeling under the cosmic forces identified with the crucifixion, men driving a spear into His side, offering Him vinegar mingled with gall to drink, railing at Him, even in the climax of human hate, changeless love forgave and in forgiving stepped into the glory of the resurrection.

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me," is love's final benediction on the souls of men.

Inspiring Message Soul Food

PIERCE, W. Va.—We praise the Lord for the Church of God and the good times we are having. Some time ago we closed a successful revival at Davis, W. Va. Brother Frank Lemons was in charge. Three or four received the baptism and about twenty were saved. God alone knows the good that was done. Seed were sown that will spring up in years to come, if Jesus tarries. It was food to our souls to hear the inspiring messages backed up by the Holy Ghost. I was not the only one who enjoyed the presence of Brother Lemons and Brother Matlock from Parkersburg. Saints and sinners welcome them back.

The Rexrode Happy Band wants to extend our appreciation to the people of Pierce and Davis who have been so kind and treated us the way you have. We came to Pierce last September. God so wonderfully blessed. We set a church in order here and one at Davis at the close of the revival just mentioned. The people have stood by us. Sister Robert Rosier of this town, altho' not a member of the Church of God, has opened her doors to any of God's people. We thank them for taking care of Brothers Lemons and Matlock, also our state overseer. Brother Whitehair at Davis is always so ready to accommodate God's people. Brother and Sister Glass in whose home we have spent most of the winter have been a father and mother to us and true to their Lord. I haven't space to mention individuals but as a whole we praise the Lord for them all.

We started for Virginia on a visit to see a special friend, Brother Moses Wright of Amherst, Va. He was injured about four months ago and is still suffering. Every reader pray that God will heal him. We stopped for services with Brother Kile at Petersburg, W. Va. We enjoyed ourselves with the dear saints, and also a mid-night lunch. About three o'clock we left by the way of Franklin, W. Va. The snow began to fall and by the time we reached Monterey, Va., about daybreak, the snow was so deep it was difficult to travel. Our next stop was at Rose Mill, Va. This was in the country and the rain was falling on the dirt roads and the people did not get to come out. We stopped for dinner with Brother and Sister Coleman at Arrington, Va. They treated us nicely. Monroe, Va. was our next stop Sunday night, Mar. 22. We met good friends. Monday night, the 23rd, we were surprised to see the Church of God crowded at Lynchburg, Va. There we met good friends. I expect to see some on the other side. We just left at home. Brother Blankenship, the pastor, certainly was nice to us. Next we had one service at Arrington, Va. There is no church there and only two or three saints but they opened the schoolhouse for us and received us joyfully. From there we went to Deerfield, Va. where I did my first pastoral work. I praise the Lord for the good saints there. The fire is still burning and I know there is still some real Church of God material there. We went to Thornwood, W. Va. where I have a brother. They opened up the Methodist church for us and we were treated well. We then came back to Pierce where we found the saints shouting and praising the Lord.

As the weather will soon be warm we are planning on beginning our evangelistic work to open up new work. We ask an interest in all your prayers that God will bless our labors and that we will win many souls for God.—The Rexrode Happy Band, R. L. Rexrode, evangelist.

Floods of Joy

DALTON, Ga.—This beautiful Sabbath evening I feel impressed to sound a note of praise thru the columns of the dear paper which brings floods of joy to my soul. I praise the Lord because I am saved, sanctified, and have the precious Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues. I thank God because He ever showed me the true way of holiness and because I am a member of the great Church of God, also for His great healing power. He has healed me of a headache several times.

We have cottage prayer meetings. The other night a boy, a member of the Baptist church, took acute indigestion and thought he was going to die. He called on the saints to pray for him and God stepped on the scene and he was healed immediately. He testified of it.

God has called me to preach the Gospel. I live twelve miles from the Church of God. There are some good saints here who believe this way.

Brother Horace Smith has planned to begin a revival at this place July 12 if it is the Lord's will. Pray that many souls will be saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. Please pray a special prayer for my father who is in sin that during the revival he will be saved. Brother Smith is now stationed at Hollywood, Ala. Pray that God will keep me under the shadow of His hand and that I will be ready to go when He comes or calls. I feel it won't be long until we will meet Him face to face. Also pray for our prayer meetings and for a sister who lives here. She has four children to take care of. She asked me to write that the saints might pray for God to encourage her.—Your brother in the Church of God, Earl Roberts, Rt. 3.

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It Takes The Lord's Power

WYTHEVILLE, Va.—Dear readers of the Evangel, I feel that I should sound a note of praise in regard to our little church at this place. We are only five months old here but some of us are about fifteen or seventeen years old in our experience. We love the Spirit and power and we are expecting great things. We have sent two preachers out from here by the help of the dear Lord. The Lord is blessing here. If you don't believe it, just stop off and see for yourself. The reason the Lord doesn't bless us more is because we do not expect more. I have seen the Lord ruled out when I knew He wanted to bless when I was in the other church. I said I was going where the Lord would bless. Let's let Him have His way. It takes His power to run this train. Be sure He is coming with great power. I feel some of it now. Let's prove to the world that we are not of the world. We are of God. We have overcome the world for greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world. We know that religion is that we visit the widows and fatherless children and keep ourselves unspotted from the world. We have the best thing under the sun. We can shout in the old devil's face and tell him that we have got the thing that we have been seeking for so long. Pray for our work here and for our Sunday School. The Lord is blessing at Wytheville, Va.—Your brother in Jesus, Joe W. Hearn.

I Am Truly Satisfied

FENDER, Ga.—I truly praise God for real, old time salvation. I praise Him for ever saving my soul, and sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost and adding me to the great Church of God. I am truly satisfied. Bless His name. We had Brother E. L. Moore with us Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. He certainly preaches the Bible. Pray for the Church at this place that it may rise and shine for the Lord also pray for my two children who have flu. Pray for me that I may always be found low and humble ready to go when Jesus comes or calls.—A sister under the blood, Mrs. Beulah Pitts.

A Spiritual Landslide

McVEIGH, Ky.—On Feb. 21 Brothers W. S. and Paul Ross launched a battle here against sin. The battle cry was "Jesus Christ and Him crucified." The banner they fought under was "The Church of God."

We felt victory the first night. These brethren came into the house of God under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. While they gave out the Word and gave God the glory the saints shouted the victory and, thank God, we kept the victory all thru the meeting. We have it yet.

Fifty-four were converted, forty-three sanctified, thirteen baptized with the Holy Ghost, twenty-eight came into the church. There were several healings in this meeting. Harrison Kirk was healed of front sinus and then saved and sanctified. He is now seeking the Holy Ghost. This man was in a bad condition. He had this disease for about four years and had not been able to work for about two months. Now he is looking fine and is a candidate for a job. I am glad to tell the devil that God is still healing.

The two Brother Rosses are traveling together this year and they are surely doing some good preaching. Our building was very much too small for the crowds. Many people came to the services, couldn't get in the house, and went back home.

Seventeen came to the altar the first night of the revival and seekers increased so much that at times forty-three were counted at the altar. Sometimes you could hardly get an accurate account.

One Methodist preacher received the Holy Ghost in this meeting. He received a wonderful experience. He talked in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Isn't that fine?

We are almost overjoyed about this landslide God has given us here. The meeting continued for three weeks and almost the entire crowd, saints and sinners, held up their hands for the meeting to go on. They left thirty-five at the altar.

We have a bunch of real saints here. They are fine workers. They work in revivals and work out of revivals. When the tithes are too small to support the pastor they bring in the pounds. They surely intend for this work to go on. Preachers, do you hear this? Churches, do you hear this? I feel any church needing a real revival would do well to get these two brothers.—H. L. Marcum, pastor.

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Obituaries

KITCHEN

On April 4 our dear Sister Joe Kitchen passed on to meet her blessed Redeemer. She was sick just an hour, death resulting from heart failure. Sister Kitchen was the mother of nine children. Two years ago when Brother Paul H. Walker pitched a gospel tent here at Lemmon, S. D. Sister Kitchen was one of several others who heard and accepted the blessed invitation. From then until death she was a true follower of Jesus Christ and passed over the river of death triumphant. She leaves to mourn her death, her husband, who gave his heart to God and was healed of ulcers of the stomach, four daughters, five sons, several relatives, and a host of friends. The funeral was preached by Brother D. C. Boatwright. Pray for the family. — One who is interested in them all, Sister Helen Swanson, Lemmon, S. D.

KEE

On Mar. 12, 1931 our Lord called Sister Lara J. Blankenship Kee home. Sister Kee was born at Evening Shade, Sharpe County, Ark. July 10, 1860. Sister Lara was united in matrimony with John Bulard Henshaw Aug. 8, 1882. To this union were born five boys and one girl. One boy, her daughter, and her husband preceded her in death. In 1914 she was married to Scott Kee. In 1926 God called him from life. She was a member of the Church of God at Truman, Ark. for a number of years before her death. She was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Unserved children, prepare to meet mother over there where God will wipe away all tears. — Her sister in Christ, Alice Webster, Marked Tree, Ark.

MORRIS

The death angel visited the home of Brother Will Company of Carlsbad, N. Mex. April 6 and claimed little Albert Morris of Morton, Tex. while his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie L. Morris, were here on a visit. He was sick only a few days and then passed away to await the resurrection of the just when the dead in Christ shall rise first and we which are left will be changed in the twinkling of an eye to go to meet the Lord in the air.

The funeral was conducted by the writer at the Church of God after which the remains were laid away in the Carlsbad cemetery. He was the only child of his parents. We weep not as those who have no hope. We cannot call him back but we can go to him. His parents are not saved but we hope they soon will be and then they can say, We will see you again, little Albert. — Humbly thy brother, M. E. Drake, Box 71, Carlsbad, N. Mex.

HIX

Mrs. Louise Hix went to her eternal reward March 3, 1931. She was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost several years ago and about two years ago became a member of the Church of God where her funeral was preached. She suffered for a long time, first having diabetes then dropsy and Bright's disease. The last service she attended she gave a bright testimony and said she was ready to go. We weep not for Sister Hix but rejoice to know that she is out of her suffering. We are sorry for her only son as he is a backslider. Pray that God will bring him back to the fold and prepare him to meet his mother. She had no other near relatives that I know of but her many friends at the church miss her and her guitar. Her funeral was conducted by her pastor, Brother M. P. Cross, and her body was laid to rest in the Evergreen cemetery to await the coming of Jesus. — One who loved her, Mrs. Sadie Carpenter, 3103 Tillman St., Detroit, Mich.

CALDWELL

Our dear Sister Ollie Mae Caldwell departed this life to be with Jesus Mar. 12, '31. She was born May 1, 1889, being forty-one years, ten months and twelve days of age at her death. She was married to Henry L. Caldwell on March 23, 1909. She was saved in 1915. About a year later she was sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. She came into the Church of God in 1917 and was a faithful member until death. She said during her sickness and suffering she had the victory. Brothers and sisters, she is at the pearly gate waiting for you and me. The church will miss her, the orphanage at Cleveland, Tenn. will miss the nice packages she sent them from time to time, husband and children will miss her. She left to mourn her absence a husband, Henry L. Caldwell, one son, one daughter, three brothers, three sisters, other relatives and a host of friends who wish to meet her on the streets of New Jerusalem. The funeral was conducted by Brother Garland Grooms, her pastor, and Mrs. Power and she was laid to rest in Arnold Plains cemetery at Canton, N. C. — Mrs. E. C. Bradburn, Clyde, N. C.

ASKINS

James C. Askins was born Oct. 17, 1894 in Linkwood, Md. and departed this life April, 14, 1931. He was a faithful minister in the Church of God until his illness. I believe he did all in his power for the saving of souls. He

worked hard to keep the wolf out and to keep the sheep together like a shepherd. Oh, how they will miss him! He always had a smile for them. He was a very humble man and was very obedient to those who had the rule over him. The state overseer, Brother F. B. Marine, spoke very highly of him. He leaves to mourn their loss a wife, four sons, four daughters, a father, four brothers, four sisters. We loved him but God loved him best. The funeral was conducted by the writer. — A. Shelton, Norristown, Pa.

VAUGHT

Mrs. Mary Ellen Vaught, daughter of Robert McCroskey, was born March 2, 1851 and departed this life April 1, 1931. She was married to James H. Vaught at about the age of eighteen to which union were born seven sons and five daughters. Two of the daughters preceded her to the future home. Besides her seven sons and three daughters she leaves one brother, one sister, a twin, about one hundred and eighty grand and great grandchildren. She was converted at a very early age and united with the Christian Baptist Church of which she remained a member until the light on Pentecost and the Church of God was revealed to her. She was sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost about twenty years ago and came into the Church of God of which she was a member until the last. The funeral was conducted by the writer of Princeton, W. Va. and the body laid to rest in the Home cemetery near Goodwin's Ferry, Va.

She is gone but not forgotten. Her sweet memory lingers still; With such grain the Saviour promised That His garner He would fill.

Only the earthly part has fallen That her spirit should be free, Having great faith in her Saviour, She will live eternally.

And the teachings that she gave us As a mother really should Will bring fruit in time to follow To the judgment bar of God.

Verses composed by Laud L. Vaught and sent in by T. J. Meade, district overseer of the Princeton District.

GOUGE

On March 26, 1931 the death angel came to the home of Sister Delena Gouge and took her darling baby, little Emery Nesby, age twelve days. He leaves a father, mother, brothers and sisters, one grandfather, and several uncles and aunts to mourn his death. Funeral service was held at the home and his body was laid to rest in the Home graveyard. — One who loved him and looking for the coming of Jesus, his aunt, Mrs. Lucy Todd, Rt. 1, Box 71, Watauga, Tenn.

SMITH

On April 20, 1931 the death angel visited W. S. Smith and claimed him as his victim. Brother Smith in the early part of his life was a minister in the Baptist Church, and later in life the Lord saved and sanctified and baptized him with the Holy Ghost. He always wore a smile and was loved by all who knew him.

He was father of the Church of God, Federal Street, Philadelphia, the Church of God, South Side, Pittsburg, the Church of God Stebban St., West End Pittsburg, the Church of God, Morgantown, W. Va. Before the church on the South Side was set in order he was the assistant pastor of Elder Garfield Byrd, who also is a minister in the Church of God.

Brother Smith was laid to rest Wednesday, April 22, 1931, to await the soon coming of Jesus Christ. — Brother Smith's young son in the Lord, Thomas E. Herget, Pittsburg, Pa.

Healed of T. B. And Blindness

ALEXANDRIA, Va.—I praise God this morning for salvation full and free. I am saved from sin, sanctified thru the precious blood, baptized with the Holy Ghost. I am hungry for more of God. My determination grows stronger each day to please God and to attain that perfection found only in Christ Jesus.

One night my tongue was swollen until I could neither eat nor talk. The least effort to move my tongue was so painful I'd cry. But I prayed in my heart, Lord, I know there is no virtue in this paper (Evangel) but Lord, I know there is virtue in the prayers of those who are working daily for this paper to bring healing I so much need. I went to bed, laid the paper across my face and dropped off to sleep almost instantly. I awoke healed, able to eat and talk as well as ever. All praise to our God who hears and answers prayer!

I have eczema in my face and neck. Please pray that I might be healed and ever stand as a faithful witness to His marvelous power. I've been healed of T. B. and many other things one of which was blindness. Praise God forever! — Your sister under the blood, Mrs. Cora Pearson, Rt. 3.

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Visit The Sick In Their Afflictions And Minister Unto Them

EVANSVILLE, Tenn.—This morning I sit by the fireside suffering with my feet. Thirteen years ago the doctor pronounced my case as being T.B. of the flesh. At times I suffer till I can't eat or sleep at night.

I am a member of the Church of God and have been trusting the Lord with both soul and body. I haven't taken a dose of medicine in June will be seven years. I was sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost eleven years ago last August. I have been blind ten years and past walking six years and three months.

You all may know I can't enjoy life as I have no way to go to church. I live twelve miles from a church, out in the country. No Church of God brothers and sisters ever visit me to pray with me or see about me in any way. At times I feel like they have all forsaken and forgotten me. I get so discouraged I hardly know what to do and then I think of what Jesus said about not being discouraged, that He would never forsake or leave us alone. When our earthly friends forsake us Jesus said He would stick closer than a brother. Jesus said that he that seeks to save his life in this world shall lose it and he that loses his life for my sake shall find it. Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm. What is impossible with man is possible with God. Have faith in God. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Jesus said when two or three come together in His name agreeing on touching the same thing it shall be done.

Freely you receive, freely give. This only comes by fasting and praying for His will to be done, not mine. Pray that God will move upon the hearts of the people so there will be a way provided so I can be able to go to church this summer.

Jesus said to visit the sick in their affliction and minister unto them and keep ourselves unspotted from the world. If you love Him you will keep His commandments. Strait is the gate and narrow is the road and few go in thereat. This way surely is narrow for me. I am still pressing on and have no desire to turn back. The end is too near. I desire the prayers of all the dear saints who read this. We ought to love one another as God loves us. Jesus said for us to let our life so shine that men can see our good works and glorify our Father which is in heaven. Praise the Lord for this wonderful highway of holiness! I feel like traveling on. Pray that I will live closer to the Lord and enjoy salvation and live better than I have before.

I pray that everyone who reads this will have sympathy in their hearts and pray for me until God heals me and gives me strength in my feet and limbs so I can walk, and also restore my eyesight. Jesus is healing all manner of disease, opening the eyes of the blind, healing the cripple and I hope to be one among the number. Everyone please pray hard for me until I am healed. Mark 16:17 says, And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name shall they cast out devils. — Your sister under the blood waiting for the soon coming of Jesus, Lorinda Dobbs, Rt. 1, Box 43.

We Prayed and Believed And He Provided

CELINA, Texas.—I certainly have enjoyed the good testimonies I have read from time to time. There are several in this bunch of folks who have the blessing. We came down on a job that God gave us. It was putting down a deep test oil well. The two drillers have the blessing and belong to the great Church of God. Praise the Lord, I can feel the mighty power of God flowing over me now. Five other men who are working on the job have the blessing and most of them belong to the Church of God. The others will come in the first chance they get.

When we came here in January we wanted a place to worship. We prayed and believed God and He provided us a place. We saw so many hungry souls we called on God for a preacher and He sent Brother and Sister Meador from Palmer, Texas and Sister Mollie Wilson. They stayed about two weeks and went to the convention at Ft. Worth. The Lord sent Sister Mollie back to help us a little while longer. Six in all have received the Holy Ghost and a number have been saved and sanctified. We are all more interested in the meeting than we are in the oil well. One old retired M. E. preacher is seeking the Holy Ghost. Everyone who reads this please pray for this poor old man. He wants the blessing so bad. The Lord is dealing wonderfully.

We are putting forth every effort possible to get a work established here. We learned that in 1925 there was a great outpouring of the Holy Ghost but most of these have gone back and some have moved away. They didn't have a church to worship in and to keep them going. How wonderful it would be to get a church of God established here. Everybody please pray for us that God can be glorified in our lives. — Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Girtie Alexander, Rt. 3.

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WELLSTON, Ohio.—This glorious morning as God's beautiful sun paints its pictures of delicate beauty in the sky His sunlight of love is aglow in my soul. As I read over the dear Evangel and see how God is pouring out His Spirit in other states, I too want to sound a note of praise because He is still blessing in Ohio. There are truly a few of God's children here at Wellston who love the Lord and the Church of God and its good Bible teachings.

On Feb. 22 Brother Herschel Dillinger and his good wife came here and opened fire on the enemy. The devil, the old serpent, tried to hang around for awhile but the serpent is a cold blooded creature and when the fire of God began to fall and things got warmed up he had to go. Praise the Lord for overcoming power! Brother Dillinger was faithful in the service and was ever at his post of duty ready to deliver and defend the Word of God. He surely did bring to us some wonderful messages under the anointing of the Holy Ghost and backed up by the power of God, well seasoned with the Spirit of truth.

The second night of the meeting a precious woman came to the altar and wept her way thru to the Lord. She was the mother of twelve children. Surely you can say with us that was a blessing not only to her but to her family and to those who had prayed for her so often.

Sister Graves from W. Junction, O. was with us thru some of the meeting. We enjoyed her soul stirring messages and the good testimonies. Sister Graves is a good preacher and we all love her and enjoy her presence with us.

Brother Huff, our district overseer, of Lancaster, Ohio was with us two nights and I am not able to express how we enjoyed his good messages. We would like to have had Brother Huff with us longer. He surely did open our eyes to the fact that we would have to leave the glories of this world behind if we expected to be in the glory and likeness of Jesus at His appearing. He also showed us the near coming of Jesus for the second time. We really believe we are living in the last days when He shall appear the second time to those who are ready and watching for His appearing. I want to be one among the number.

Brother Fergenson of Ironton, Ohio was with us a week and was very faithful with his good songs. He also had his music that came in fine at times. He was faithful in prayer and testimony.

We had quite a few other folks with us some few nights. When folks once get in the clover field of God and get a feed from His pasture and get the scent of the sweet smelling savor they can't stay away. One of the United Brethren was so interested he told some of our brothers he would pay a month's rent for us just to see the work of God move on. Some others who did not belong to the Church of God were good to help.

Opal Arthur was faithful at the organ. She is a precious young girl who needs the Lord. Pray for her to get back to the Lord and also pray for her father to be reclaimed.

Seven were saved, three sanctified, others were at the altar but did not go thru. The Lord blessed in many ways. The house was filled each night until no more could get in. We are expecting to set the church in order. I'm feeling good over this. We once had a good church here but the enemy crept in and the wolf got some of our lambs and for the lack of a good minister to help us the church went down. We are expecting to trim our lambs and shine brighter than ever.

I want to prove true to God and His church and take a bath in the ocean of God's love that it may reach out and rescue the lost and dying. People of today are being lost, going down in defeat, being driven away from the church many times, on account of the love of God not being there.

The last night of the meeting we had the Baptist minister and some of his folks with us. Brother Dillinger preached on Pentecost. The Lord blessed and gave freedom in delivering the Word. Many here are looking this way. We have much to battle against but our Captain never lost a battle. We are expecting several to come into the church when we organize. We are looking forward to the time when we can take the Lord's supper and wash the saints' feet. Surely we need to be made a live people for God and His church.

We extend a hearty welcome to all the true blue Church of God folks passing this way. Stop and pay us a visit. Anyone in need of a revival would do well to get Brother and Sister Dillinger. They are good people, filled with the Holy Ghost and preach the clean gospel uncompromisingly.

All who read this pray for me to be prayerful and do all I can for God and His cause, also pray for my dear companion and children. — Your devoted sister in the Lord, Mrs. Ida Katharine Fout, 1315 S. Ohio Ave.

Thank The Lord For Saving Fifteen

Just a few words of praise to God for the way He has been blessing and saving souls. We have just closed a revival at Dillon, S. C. The meeting was good considering the weather. Thank the Lord for saving fifteen.

Meetings Getting Better From Time to Time

GREEN TURTLE CAY, Bahamas.—I arrived at Green Turtle Cay Abaco. I found the church in a very cold condition. I began to plead with love and patience. After pleading hard for nearly three weeks one night when I came in nearly all the members were sitting right up in the front seats. We had not had a shout in the meeting but that night they came to the front and began to sing. The songs sounded different and the sweet fellowship began to flow from heart to heart and unity began to prevail. The power fell and it seemed to me that it came right from the throne of grace. The Lord gave us a wonderful meeting that night. Our meetings are getting better.

sanctifying five and filling two with the precious Holy Ghost. Many of the saints were encouraged. Some got the light on paying tithes. God surely was good to us down there for which we surely are thankful. The people stood by us and all seemed to love us. We thank the Lord for putting it on Brother Wallace's heart to give us two new tires. Brother Smith gave us two inner tubes. Brother Foxworth gave us a 40 x 60 tent. We are expecting to start a meeting down near Dillon at Bunker's Hill church about the last of April or the first of May. We want every one to pray for the success of the meeting. — Your brother and sister in Christ, Mr. and Mrs. Orion L. Alewine.

We Are Depending On Him

BETHEL VIEW CHURCH, Jamaica: I thank God for His wonderful love toward us. I am feeling His grace deep down in my soul. The Lord is really having His way with His people, although the enemy is around, but we know the power of God is great and as we are depending on Him I know He will carry us thru. We have been having revival meetings during this month and although the hearts of men are so hardened against the truth yet a few are saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. I am glad to report victory in my soul and I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. I am glad to report victory in my soul and I am keeping saved, sanctified and baptized with the blessed Holy Ghost and fire. The Lord is leading His saints in a wonderful way and so we ask your prayers that we might continue in this glorious way until our lives are ended. — I. E. Miller, clerk.

ter from time to time. Last Thursday night the Holy Ghost surely worked. There was shouting, dancing, and talking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. I am going to do my best to make this church one among the best in the Bahama Islands. — An humble servant of the Lord working for a glorious reward, W. A. Baxter, pastor.

MONTANA STATE ASSEMBLY

Will Convene At
Big Timber, Mont., June 20-24

ILLINOIS STATE CONVENTION

Will Convene At
Eldorado, Ill., June 18-21

MICHIGAN STATE CONVENTION

COME! May 28-30 COME!
Pontiac, Michigan

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION

Will Convene At
Greenville, S. C., July 23-26
S. W. Latimer, General Overseer, to be present

OHIO STATE CONVENTION

Will Convene At
Akron, Ohio, July 9-12

MISSISSIPPI STATE CONVENTION

Will Convene At
Pisgah Springs church near Eupora, Miss
July 17-19
Followed by ten days' state camp meeting

THE FLORIDA STATE CAMP MEETING

Will Convene At
Wimauma, Fla., June 4-14.

THE BAHAMA CONVENTION

Will Convene At
Nassau, N. P., May 12-17

PENNSYLVANIA STATE CONVENTION

Will Convene At
Somerset, Pa., in "Englewood Park" June 24-28

N. and S. DAKOTA STATE ASSEMBLY

Will Convene At
Plaza, N. Dak., June 28 thru July 5

TEXAS STATE CAMP MEETING

Will Convene At
Weatherford, Texas, August 6-16

TENNESSEE STATE ASSEMBLY

Will Convene At
E. Chattanooga, Tenn., July 3-5.

KENTUCKY STATE CONVENTION

Will Convene At
Ravenna, Ky., June 4-7.

ALABAMA STATE CAMP MEETING

Will Convene At
Alabama City, Ala., July 15-26.

ALABAMA STATE ASSEMBLY

Will Convene At
Dora, Ala., May 29-31.

CALIFORNIA STATE CONVENTION

Will Convene At
Baldwin Park, Calif., May 8-10

ARIZONA STATE CONVENTION

Will Convene At
Globe, Ariz., May 1-3